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SENATE MEMORIAL 12

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING JANUARY 23, 2012 AS "CREATE HOPE FOR A CANCER-FREE
WORLD DAY" IN THE SENATE; HONORING CANCER PATIENTS, SURVIVORS
AND THEIR FAMILIES; REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN LOST TO
CANCER.

WHEREAS, more than nine thousand six hundred forty New
Mexicans will be diagnosed with cancer in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the American cancer society relay for life has
been a celebration of hope for over twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, the American cancer society relay for life is a
life-changing event providing an opportunity to celebrate the
lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones
lost and fight back against the disease; and

WHEREAS, over eleven thousand four hundred New Mexicans
participate annually in the American cancer society relay for

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1 life; and

2 WHEREAS, the American cancer society gives a voice to so
3 many touched by cancer; and

4 WHEREAS, many of these voices joined together in 2001 to
5 form a nationwide grassroots movement called the American
6 cancer society cancer action network; and

7 WHEREAS, the American cancer society action network is
8 tireless in working with lawmakers to achieve its mission of
9 defeating cancer and creating hope for those affected by
10 cancer; and

11 WHEREAS, cancer patients face countless daily challenges
12 associated with their diagnoses, affecting their physical,
13 emotional and financial well-being; and

14 WHEREAS, those without access to quality, affordable
15 health care are significantly more likely to be diagnosed with
16 advanced-stage cancer; and

17 WHEREAS, delayed diagnosis results in significantly worse
18 health outcomes for low-income and uninsured cancer patients;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, cancer research, as well as lifesaving cancer
21 prevention, screening, early detection and treatment programs,
22 have increased the five-year survival rate for cancer from
23 forty-nine percent thirty years ago to sixty-seven percent
24 today; and

25 WHEREAS, it is essential to preserve the quality of life

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1 and dignity of all those who struggle with cancer and who often
2 feel isolated, stigmatized and misunderstood; and

3 WHEREAS, volunteers and members of the American cancer
4 society cancer action network work diligently every day to
5 advocate on behalf of cancer patients, survivors and caregivers
6 so that one day cancer will be eliminated as a major public
7 health issue;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
9 OF NEW MEXICO that January 23, 2012 be declared "Create Hope
10 for a Cancer-Free World Day" in the senate; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the senate honor cancer
12 patients, survivors and their families; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the senate remember those who
14 have been lost to cancer; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
16 transmitted to the governor and to the American cancer society
17 cancer action network.